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Report Highlights:

Monsoon activity diminished during the week ending August 10.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Monsoon activity diminished during the week ending August 10, with only 16 of the 36 weather subdivisions receiving normal or above normal rainfall compared with 19 a week ago. For the country as a whole, the week's rain was 25 percent below normal. Weather subdivisions, which received significantly below normal rains were West Madhya Pradesh, East and West Rajasthan, Saurashtra, West Uttar Pradesh, Jharkand, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala, East Madhya Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, and Marathawada, which include several major rice, soybean, and coarse grain growing areas.

Cumulative rainfall from June 1 to August 10 was normal or above normal in 30 of the 36 weather subdivisions, compared with 31 a week ago (Figure 1). Weather subdivisions, which received below normal cumulative rains were mostly rice growing areas of northeast India. The all India area-weighted rainfall during June 1 to August 10 was 558.1 millimeter, two percent above normal.

Progressive planting reports compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture show that through August 8 area coverage is marginally lagging behind last year's level in the case of most crops, with the exception of cotton and sugarcane. Nevertheless, area planted to rice is fast catching up with last years' level. For details see:
agricoop.nic.in/ncfcweather/NCFC8aug05.htm

Figure 1

